

Q: What kid wrote in *News-week* that people over 50 were just bunches of conditioned reflexes? Why can't we get these prejudiced children out of there?

A: That was no smart-alecky kid, that was Washington columnist Stewart Alsop, who's 56. The exact quote is a little less brassy: "... most people, by the time they reach their upper 50s, are mere bundles of conditioned reflexes."

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Burke Marshall

Q: Whatever happened to Burke Marshall, the civil rights chief in Robert F. Kennedy's Justice Department?

A: It's Yale assistant dean of law Marshall these days after a top-flight but brief career at IBM where he served as vice president, general counsel and on the key executive committee. His job at IBM, incidentally, has been taken over by Nicholas deB. Katzenbach, Kennedy's successor at Justice and a Marshall teammate in the early 1960s.

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